IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

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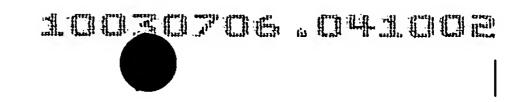
- 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein the cells are plant cells.
- 5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the toxin is a bacterial toxin of a post-segregational killing system.

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- 6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the toxin interferes with DNA replication, and thereby impedes cell cycle progression and/or triggers programmed cell death.
 - 7. A method according to claim 5 wherein the toxin targets *DnaB*.
- 10. A method according to claim 1 wherein said toxin is provided within said cells by means of nucleic acid encoding said toxin under control of appropriate control elements for expression.

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12. A method according to claim 1 or 11 comprising providing to said cells said toxin and an antidote to the toxin, wherein both toxin and antidote are proteins, and



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controlling activity of said antidote on said toxin to control activity of said toxin on said cells.

- 14. A method according to claim 12 wherein selectivity for expression said toxin within target cells is effected by a combination of (i) up-regulation of toxin production in target cells and (ii) down-regulation of toxin production in non-target cells and/or neutralisation of toxin activity in non-target cells.
 - 16. A method according to claim 12 wherein said target cells are tumour cells.
- 17. A method according to claim 11 wherein said toxin is *ParD* kid protein and said antidote is *ParD* kis protein.
 - 18. A composition comprising:
- (i) a bacterial toxin and an inhibitor of said toxin, optionally an antidote to said toxin wherein both toxin and antidote are proteins, or
- (ii) nucleic acid encoding a bacterial toxin and an inhibitor of said toxin, optionally an antidote to said toxin wherein both toxin and antidote are proteins, for use in a therapeutic method according to claim 4 or 11.

Please cancel Claim 19.